

In 1974, Ms. Sheehan was elected to the House of Delegates. She was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee for three years. During that time

she served on the Joint Committee on Rape and Related Offenses and was the sponsor of legislation that reformed the rape laws in Maryland. In 1978, she was assigned to the Ways and Means Committee.

Ms. Sheehan has been active in issues dealing with health, aging, and the handicapped. She has received the Ann Landon Scott Award for legislative excellence from the National Organization for Women, and awards from the Maryland State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Maryland Psychological Association, the Prince George's County Association for Retarded Citizens, and the Mental Health Association.

She is a member of the League of Women Voters, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Association of Retarded Citizens, the Mental Health Association, Citizens for Branch Avenue Metro, and the Prince George's County Board of Realtors. She is vice chairperson of the Board of Greater South East Aging Center and a board member of the Suitland Redevelopment Corporation.

She resides in Largo with her three children, Laura 18, John 16, and Neal 12. Her oldest son Peter resides in Baltimore with his wife Deborah.